and provided an opportunity to have close interaction between industry representative of India & Britain. During the Summit, a number of agreements for cooperation between the companies of two countries were signed and announcements to that effect made. There is an inherent time lag between the impact of such investment meets and actual flow of FDI.

(b) The foreign direct investment policy is constantly reviewed with the objective of making it simple and investor friendly. The Government, with this objective in view, have recently announced a set of guidelines for consideration of FDI proposals by FIPB and expansion of list of certain industries for automatic approval.

Guidelines for the Disinvestment Commission

945. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been laid down for the Disinvestment Commission in the conduct of its activities;

(b) whether the Commission has evolved a set of criteria on the basis of which it will take decisions; and

(c) the number of cases referred to the Commission for examining the feasibility of disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Disinvestment Commission constituted vide Resolution dated 23.8.1996 is to conduct its activities within its terms of reference and the criteria evolved by the Commission to take decision would have to be within these terms of references. So far, 40 public sector enterprises have been referred to the Disinvestment Commission.

Industrial belt in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh

946. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified a huge patch of wasteland at Kurebhar in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh to be promoted as industrial belt;

(b) by when the above land is likely to be acquired developed, and promoted as an industrial belt which is otherwise one of the most backward block of the district in comparison to Amethi or Jagdishpur;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir, Ministry of Industry has not identified any huge patch of wasteland at Kurebhar in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh to be promoted as industrial belt.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Financial performance of Hindustan Cables Ltd.

947. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Unit-wise financial performance of Hindustan Cables Limited in Rupnarainpur, Hyderabad and Naini during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 (Provisional);

(b) whether any capital restructuring/revival proposal has been put up for Government's approval;

(c) if so, the present status of the same;

(d) the annual expenditure on its corporate office in Calcutta; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to relocate it back in Rupnarainpur?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Unit-wise production, Sales and Profit/(Loss) during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 (Provisional till January, 1997) are furnished below:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (Prov. upto Jan'97)
Rupnarainpur Unit			
Sales	244.72	96.36	52.27
Profit/(Loss)	+1.54	-(49.33)	-(66.89)
Hyderabad Unit			
Sales	245.14	138.61	194.04
Profit/(Loss)	+7.94	-(18.72)	-(17.58)
Naini Unit			
Sales	56.03	40.88	10.98
Profit/(Loss)	+1.45	-(19.42)	-(23.45)

(b) and (c) Government considered a package of assistance for Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL) and a strategy for its future. The details are as under:-

I. (i) Government has decided to extend Government Guarantee to HCL for raising commercial loans from Financial Institutions/Public Sector Undertakings upto Rs. 60 crores for a period of one year.

(ii) Department of Telecommunication has been asked to examine the claims filed by HCL and pay the undisputed claims immediately. DoT has so far paid an amount of Rs. 31.14 crores to HCL against its claims.

(iii) Deptt. of Telecommunication and Hindustan Cables Ltd. have been asked to bilaterally work out the ways and means to see how the operations of the company may be sustained for the time being.

DoT has placed an order for 12 LCKM of Jelly Filled Cables on HCL along with 50% advance for execution during the last quarter of current financial year.

(iv) Government has also approved in principle, for conversion into joint ventures of the units of HCL individually or the company as a whole with suitable joint venture partners on the basis of even ceding majority share holding to the joint venture partners and for appointment of Consultants/ Marchant Bankers to undertake studies to explore the possibilities and identify suitable joint venture partners who can bring in requisite capital, technology and marketing expertise.

II. HCL has submitted a proposal for capital restructuring which is under consideration.

(d) The annual expenditure on Corporation Office by HCL in Calcutta for the year 1995-96 was Rs. 3.12 crores.

(e) No proposal is under consideration to relocate the Corporate Office of HCL at

पिछड़े क्षेत्रों के लिए औद्योगिक नीति में सुधार

948. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश के पिछड़े क्षेत्रों को अधिकाधिक लाभ पहुंचाने के लिए औद्योगिक नीति में व्यापक सुधार किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि नई औद्योगिक नीति की घोषणा किए जाने के बाद देश के पिछड़े राज्यों को लाभ नहीं हुआ है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) और (ख) सरकार, उदारीकृत औद्योगिक नीति के अन्तर्गत अवसंरचनात्मक विकास में उपयुक्त प्रोत्साहनों और निवेशों के माध्यम से पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों के छितराव को बढ़ावा देने का प्रयास करती है। तथापि, किसी विशेष क्षेत्र/जिले का औद्योगिकीकरण करने की मुख्य जिम्मेदारी संबंधित राज्य सरकार की है। अधिकतर राज्य सरकारें उद्योगों को पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में आकर्षित करने के लिए अनेक प्रोत्साहन दे रही हैं।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं। पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के लिए कई निवेश संबंधी आशय पत्र दायर किये गये हैं।

Automatic Approval to Foreign Investment in Industry

949. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether FICCI and ASSOCHAM have expressed their reservations on the latest decision of Government for expanding the list for the automatic entry of foreign capital to more industries and raising their equity to 74 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government's decision would not amount to a serious concern for the self-reliant basis of the economy for many small scale industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Government policy with respect to industry and investment